(c) and (d) The matter of quick and timely disposal of cases pending in the courts is within the exclusive domain of the judiciary and though Government has taken a number of steps to facilitate reduction of arrears of cases pending in the courts, it does not issue instructions to the courts with regard to the period within which to dispose of cases.

Reservation for women in Legislative bodies and political parties

386. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of reserving seats for women in Parliament and State Assemblies had dragged on for 11 years since it was first mooted in 1997;

(b) whether UPA Government is agreeable to the proposal mooted by the Election Commission making it mandatory for political parties to earmark 33 per cent seats for women; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to bring forward a law for this purpose in the current Budget Session of Parliament so that it could be implemented for the Lok Sabha polls due in 2009?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The United Progressive Alliance Government in its National Common Minimum Programme issued on 27.5.2004 has stated that it will take the lead to introduce legislation for 1/3rd reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and in the Legislative Assemblies of States. Efforts have accordingly since being made, by the Government in the direction of evolving political consensus on re-introduction of the Women's Reservation Bill in Parliament. United Progressive Alliance held a meeting of the constituents of the Alliance and the Left parties on the 22nd August, 2005 to evolve a consensus Subsequently, a meeting with the leaders of the national Democratic Alliance and other political leaders was held on 24th August, 2005. Three proposals relating to Women Reservation Bill were considered *inter alia* includes the proposal of the Election Commission of India which is commonly known as the Gill formula to make it mandatory for the recognized political parties to ensure putting of minimum agreed percentage for women in State Assembly and parliamentary elections so as to allow them to retain the recognition with the Election Commission as political parties. All proposals including Gill formula are under consideration of the Government.

Recommendations of Delimitation Commission

387. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delimitation Commission has submitted its recommendations;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the Commission; and

(c) whether the same have been given effect to and the steps taken to implement the same?